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Her breath is like the wind that blows
Balm-laden from the west;
Her smiles are like the sunlight shed
On wavelets as they roll,
And like the blue sky overhead,
Her purity of soul.

Her generous thoughts are like the rain
That falls on high and low;
Her kindly gifts to age and pain
None but the wretched know.
Her sympathies are broad as day
And starry as the night;
And when there's darkness on the way
Her presence sheds a light!

Such were my thoughts when love was young,
But now, when love is old,
Each fancy of my pen or tongue
Is silver turned to gold.
I wooed her in the morn of life,
Ere yet by sorrow tried,
And now I cherish her as wife—
More than I loved as bride.

Charles Mackay.

A RICH NORTHLAND!

Returning Miners from the Teslin-
Atlin Country are Satisfied of
Its Richness.

A Big Company Which Will
Undertake Extensive Work
Next Summer.

There is a remarkable consensus of opinion among those who have of late come out from the Omineca and Cassiar countries in regard to the richness of these regions, and the belief that another season will witness marvelous development in the district indicated. This is perhaps accounted for by the fact that those who came out earlier in the year were men who had made only a perfunctory examination of the country, and many of whom had not prospected outside of a radius of five miles from Glenora or Telegraph, and were waiting at these points for some strike to be made by some more industrious miner. The latest arrivals here, for the most part, have been men who have systematically prospected the region for companies of which they are the representatives. Among them is Mr. J. H. Rose, manager of the Alaska Mining and Commercial Co., who arrived in the city this morning on his way home to Fargo, N. D., where he will spend a couple of months with his family. He brought out only one of his party, who pushed on this morning to Minneapolis in response to a telegram telling him of the serious illness of his daughter.

Mr. Rose is spending a few days at the Dominion hotel before proceeding on his homeward journey. He took in sixteen men over the Ashcroft trail this summer, together with forty-nine head of horses. The party had a fearful experience on that road, and whereas it had been represented to them that the journey would consume only 35 days, the expedition was four months in reaching the company's store at Glenora. When they at last reached the Stikeen river they had but one horse left, and had discarded their outfits, being thankful to reach civilization again with their lives.

But Mr. Rose does not dwell upon this experience, trying as it was, but rather upon the almost phenomenal luck which attended the efforts of the company when they finally were free to examine into the mineral resources of the district. "By next July," he said, "We will create a big stampede to that country." Not only did they find rich gold-bearing quartz in Cassiar, but they found placer beds of marvelous wealth. One of Rose's men found a stream from which in four days he alone washed 19 ounces of gold. The closing in of winter prevented any further prosecution of the work, but other placers were discovered which it is believed will prove equally rich. Mr. Rose would not say where the diggings were located, more than that they could not be reached save by way of the Stikeen river and Teslin road. This, he says, is now a magnificent road, and he thinks the building of a railroad from Glenora to Teslin would result in the immediate operation of a number of quartz claims upon which assessment work has already been done.

It is exactly two weeks since Mr. Rose left Glenora, and on that day re-

ports were brought into town of capital placer discoveries northwest of Teslin. The discoveries were made by prospectors for Frank Calbreath, storekeeper at Glenora, and Wright, who keeps a store at Teslin. The last named attached so much importance to the find that although the season is advanced he abandoned his business and has gone in to verify the reports. The new placer beds are about half way between Teslin and Atlin, and their reported richness has caused quite a sensation at Wrangel and Glenora.

Another matter which is agitating the village of Glenora is the effort being made to have the postoffice and custom house, which have hitherto been situated at that place, transferred to the Hudson's Bay post, about a mile further down the river. A petition is being circulated praying the department not to make the change, and this petition was brought out by Mr. Rose and will be forwarded to Ottawa. It is addressed to Jno. McDougall, of the customs department at Ottawa, and sets forth that the Hudson's Bay company's post is made up of only one store and a few warehouses, while Glenora is the natural position for the offices, having twenty-one places of business, besides living houses. It further states that Glenora is situated on a sweep of the river, which forms an eddy, affording a quiet landing for a number of steamboats, a point of great importance in a river so swift and treacherous as the Stikeen. The landing, it is further stated, is a gradual slope, easy of access, while at the Hudson's Bay post the banks are steep and abrupt. Finally the great cost of transporting goods a mile over bad roads from the custom house if established here is urged as a conclusive reason why the step, if seriously contemplated should be abandoned. The petition is signed by 27 business houses, including Calbreath, the Alaska Mining Co., the K. M. T. & T. Co. and others.

The remainder of the Alaska Company's party are wintering at Wrangel and Glenora, and in January they will be rejoined by Mr. Rose, who will take in, via Wrangel, modern appliances for developing the placers, and also for the quartz propositions. So great is his faith in the district that he says that in a few years it will be regarded as one of the greatest mining countries in the world.—Victoria Times.

The Ladies' Aid Society

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at Mrs. Dr. Thwing's on Thursday afternoon, December 1st. This is a business meeting.

Mrs. Roundtree, Secretary.

Social Dance.

On Friday evening Mrs. Wm. Fletcher, assisted by her lady friends, gave a social dance in the Victoria House.

There were some twenty-five couples in attendance and it was acknowledged by all present to be the most successful dance of the season. The music was good, the company was good natured and all had a good time.

Y. M. C. A. Social.

A social was given at the Y. M. C. A. Reading rooms on Monday evening, which was attended by numbers that comfortably filled the rooms. All joined in the games which were followed by a short programme as follows:

Piano Solo. - Mrs. Calvert.
Instrumental Duet. - Ingersoll and McAlpine.
Song. - Mrs. Calvert.
Recitation. - Miss Agnes Young.
Song. - Miss Day.
All joined in singing a few familiar songs.

Jack Dalton.

Jack Dalton one of the best known men in Alaska, made famous in connection with the trail which bears his name, was a passenger on the Steamer Farallon enroute to San Francisco where he goes on business to return in about three weeks. Mr. Dalton found time to call on Editor McKeand while the steamer was at the wharf. He reports indications pointing to a large inflow of people to all parts of Alaska in the early Spring. Mr. Dalton is a medium sized man about 45 years of age very genial and with the mark of determination showing in every feature of his face.

Surprise Party.

The news of a surprise party at Mrs. Palmer's, last week, failed to make connections with last week's issue of the Journal. The party occurred on Thursday and was a merry one. And large, it looked like a torchlight procession as it wended its way through the darkness to the hotel where Mrs. Palmer presides. The party took complete possession of the house and kitchen where numerous baskets delivered up their burden of good things, and the evening was pleasantly spent in playing various hilarious games in which the more elderly portion of the company joined with the spirit of fifty years ago. It is Mrs. Palmer's intention to leave our city at an early date. That she will leave a multitude of friends behind her is evidenced by the numbers who attended Thursday evening's surprise party.

Ice Cream Social.

The social given by the Ladeis' Aid Society on Thursday evening was a success, socially, morally and financially. By eight o'clock the hall was filled with old and young all bent on having a good time, and none went away disappointed.

Dr. Campbell, as master of ceremonies, was the right man in the right place. The programme consisted of songs, instrumental music and recitations. The audience showed their appreciation by repeated encores.

Tables were scattered throughout the hall and as soon as the programme was finished the members of the society began to serve ice cream, coffee and cake, of which there was an abundance. An hour or two was spent in social talk.

The ladies gave Mr. Bloomhardt a vote of thanks to which Mr. B. replied in signs as he was too bashful to make a speech. The ladies, one and all, worked hard to make it a success and they accomplished their object. Their next entertainment will be an old-fashioned tea-meeting of which due and timely notice will be given and the public can rest assured of getting their money's worth.

BRICK LEWIS.

An Old and Respected Citizen of
Wrangel, Passes Away.

Lewis Jones Lewis who has been on the sick list for some time, died at his residence, at 4 o'clock on Thursday morning last.

Mr. Lewis has been a resident of Wrangel for several years, coming originally from New York and was at the time of his death about 64 years of age. He was one of the pioneers in British Columbia, going with the advance guard to Cariboo and Omineca. To the latter place, he with Mr. Rufus Sylvester, carried the first mail.

At the time of his death he was holding the position of keeper of the U. S. jail at Wrangel. By occupation he was a brick mason.

Mr. Lewis was a man much beloved by all who knew him, being possessed of a good disposition and an honest man.

At the time of his death he was a member of the Masonic lodge at Cariboo, B. C., in good standing. On Friday last the masonic brethren residing at Wrangel held an informal meeting at the office of the Journal, and decided to take charge of the remains of Bro. Lewis, and bury them with Masonic honors. The funeral service will be held at the Opera House on Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. All Master Masons in good standing are respectfully invited to meet at the courthouse at 10 o'clock a. m. on Sunday.

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Some men fail because they spend so much time reading how other men have won success.

The reports from Hootalingua will once more stimulate interest in that part of the country. The probabilities are that an immense amount of prospecting will be done in that region and Northern British Columbia next season. Wrangel ought to secure a large share of the outfitting.

The mines of Southeastern Alaska are coming to the front with such a pressure behind that nothing short of the world coming to an end can stop it.

It has been proved beyond a doubt that the gold is here and the most careful and conservative investors are now interesting themselves in Southeastern Alaska. Wrangel being the natural distributing point is destined at no distant day to be the Chicago of Alaska, and it will soon be in order for the other villages in Alaska to take their hats off to Wrangel.

The Victoria and Vancouver papers of late, are exercised over trade conditions in British Alaska. From Beacon Hill they see the ships plying between the American coast cities laden with freight and black with passengers. The prospect to them is unpleasant. The panacea is an all Canadian rail route from strictly British Columbia ports northward with ramifications later to reach desirable sections. Ten thousand locations in the Atlin region for 1899 is not a wild estimate. It raises the ire of our friends that aliens are sucking the juice of the golden orange and leaving the rind for digestion to future generations of her majesty's subjects. They advocate also the passage of a law to shut out foreigners from filing upon placer claims or acquiring title by transfer. We deprecate this sort of sentiment.

A liberal spirit ought to govern as to these two neighbors who are so commingled as to be scarcely severable, alike in language, characteristics and habits. Foreigners forsooth.

Taking the past season into view we think both of these disaffected cities did very well in the matter of traffic. Their ships did good business and the transfers to the interior from this point were 90 per cent British.

A little arithmetic will show that for the sake of an all Canadian route, to construct through a hard, uninhabited, non producing and non contributing country hundreds of miles of railroad is arrant nonsense. An all Canadian route is much of a figment, diaphanous and dishonest. Goods intransitu are subjected to no customs levies except such as are requisite to maintain the integrity of the goods and to prevent the perversion of the bonding privilege. The right reason in the premises is the practical one of the nearest harbor to the

most accessible natural route to the interior. The salient features of the Alaskan coast lines were intelligently understood years before Wrangel had ceased to extend his noisy hospitality and laid down to pleasant dreams. The Klondyke strike started Skagway and Dyea because they were at the head of ship navigation and the nearest point from which to reach inland. Juneau found it's creator in the Treadwell mine. It's history is comparatively recent. Wrangel was selected because of it's admirable harborage and contiguity to a navigable river. Leaving every thing else out it was a natural town site.

Pushing prejudice behind us in contemplating a rail communication to the interior, the first consideration is one of suitability, and par excellence, Wrangel stands conspicuously out. It will cost no more as a transportation proposition to run a steamer from Victoria to Wrangel than it would to Kitimat arm taking into view the loss of freight and time and cost over a dead haul.

While we commend the business acumen of our British Columbia merchants in urging the necessity of encouraging the development of transportation facilities in the interior we must condemn the impolitic and unneighborly policy of shutting out thousands of sturdy men from the discovery and development of the country. A study of the map shows Teslin in fair reach of Atlin. We are apt to confine our conception of a rich country to that which shows good indications and to which public attention is for the time directed. The probability is strong however that a hundred years hence a new rush will be on into all sorts of unexpected places. If a rail line is started from the head of river navigation and built along the lines of travel and to desirable objective points, that line will be profitable because it runs to where people want to go.

We write as german here, but in parenthesis, that our Canadian brothers have contracted a bad habit of looking for public aids in every new undertaking. In the United States the subsidy is largely interdicted, as it left a legacy of taxation and led to fearful abuses. But government aids are a merchantable commodity and while they serve to make the fortunes of the recipient they go further and furnish often a basis of credit without which the requisite funds for construction and equipment would not be forthcoming.

Leaving the digression, it is a safe inference that upon its merits a railroad from Telegraph Creek to Teslin or to Dease Lake would open up territory that from the start would remunerate investors. It's feeders would grow always in the direction of new strikes. Incident to the increase of people engaged in mining would come thousands of others whose livelihood would be in conducting those avocations and employments which are demanded everywhere where civilized people exist.

The good people of Wrangel would be pleased to co-operate with any number of gentlemen who may desire to engage in the business of constructing a railroad from any point on the Stikeen River into the interior. We have here three good ocean docks where material and supplies for construction may be landed from ships of the deepest draft. Blow the wind from any point the waters of Etolin Bay, unruffled by the storm will smile placidly upon the trusting vessel. With the melting of the snows the swift gliding Stikeen will give pleas-

ant voyage to all the steamboats required to make the needed link. Catching the spirit of the British Columbia press it looks more than possible that the Provincial Parliament will give good gifts and bestowments upon prospective railroad builders in this section and it may safely be inferred that whatever railroad is constructed will leave from the bank of the Stikeen River.

Summons for Publication.

In the United States Commissioner's Court, for the District of Alaska, at Wrangel.
The Seattle Hardware Company, plaintiff,
vs.
The Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant.
In the name of the President of the United States.
To the Explorers and Travelers Company, defendant:
You are hereby commanded to be and appear before the undersigned United States Commissioner, for the District of Alaska, at his office in Wrangel, on Monday the 9th day of January, 1899, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, to answer the above named plaintiff in a civil action. And you will take notice that if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$125 together with the costs and disbursements of this action.
Given under my hand and seal at Wrangel, Alaska, this 18th day of November, 1898.
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The steamer Topeka, which left here on Tuesday morning a week ago, was compelled to seek shelter and lay-to for three days, in the lee of a protecting island and after five attempts finally got away. She was sighted Sunday noon between Juneau and Skagway, going north.

The Queen City was sighted north bound, she having left here Thursday morning, a day before the Farrallon. The sea was ugly and the temperature very low.

The Farrallon went into Skagway with a two-inch coating of ice.

One man is reported drowned from the Utopia.

Passengers on the Farrallon say that sometimes they were walking on deck and sometimes on the stateroom doors. That the dishes were constantly swept from the table and everybody was seasick, including the crew.

In striking contrast to the rough exposed waters to the north of us, we look upon the unruffled waters of our own bay, which has been sheltered from the violent storm winds which have visited the coast during the past fortnight.

IN SOUTHEASTERN ALASKA

Rich Quartz Mining Propositions.

"Southeastern Alaska in general and the country around Wrangel in particular will be the most attractive field of mining operations during the coming season," said Ed C. Morse to a Times reporter. He has been superintending the development work on the rich quartz ledges of the Gladiator Mining Company on Thorn Arm, a beautiful inlet from the sea, about ninety miles from Wrangel. He says that his company has large bodies of quartz in well defined ledges, carrying rich gold values in the iron sulphurets. He has had a crew at work nearly all summer and has uncovered a three-foot ledge for a thousand feet and finds it carrying a uniform value of about \$40 a ton. He has also prospected another ledge, rich in free milling value, that is twenty-one feet wide in the cross cut. He will return in a short time and prepare to erect a stamp mill in the spring. Dr. J. Eugene Jordan and Mr. E. Lobe, the principal members of the company, are much elated at the result of Mr. Morse's labors.

Mr. Morse also states that the copper ledges on Gravina and Prince of Wales Islands are very promising.

Clark & Martin, the well-known traders and fish packers of Ketchikan, have good property. Ex-Governor Swineford and the Deer Park Mining Company have done considerable work during the season. Sam Bowden of Ketchikan has one of the best silver and lead propositions that he has ever seen. He thinks that the rich free gold strike of Capt. Dyer and Mr. Johnson, at Helm Bay, out of which they are grinding out \$500 a day with a simple arrastra, is with few parallels in the annals of mining. Capt. N. H. James and Case & Wilson have some good claims which they expect to develop in the spring.

"The many parties who went prospecting for placer up the Unik River, beyond those awful glaciers, met with disappointment, they not finding gold in quantities that would pay for mining in such an out of the way place.

"Southeastern Alaska has a bright future before it, in fact, it is soon to become one of the best districts in Alaska and Wrangel will be the natural distributing point. It is not cold there in winter and no place in the world can boast of more delightful summers."—Seattle Times.

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LOCAL NEWS.

A hair upon his coat sleeve lay.
He raised his hand to smite,
She drew his fingers swift away,
"Oh! is it dark or light?"

And anon, it raineth.
Skates are at a premium.
Subscribe for the Journal.
How are you off for skates?
Fresh Bread at Weigels Bakery.
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Lots of fun for everybody at the skating rink.

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If you wish to learn fancy skating apply to Billy.

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All kinds of location blanks for sale at this office.

All kinds of meat at popular prices. Gillis & James.

Weigel makes a specialty of fine pastry to order.

If you wish to be strictly in it, get up a skating party.

Have you subscribed for the Journal? If not? why not.

A nice Xmas present the Stikoon Journal for a year.

Weigel makes the best Pies, Cakes, and bread in town.

Cider made from pure apples. Best in town. At Hunt's Grocery.

J. R. McKeand is improving rapidly and hopes soon to be out again.

C. E. Ingersoll had a barrelful of fun on Thanksgiving day. Ask him about it.

Patronize the book exchange at 322 Front street. Cheapest evening pastime.

It snowed on Thursday and the small boy is happy, and the poor dog is unhappy.

For a first-class shave, hair cut or shampoo, patronize the O. K. Tonsorial parlors.

For all kinds of fresh meats, wild fowl and venison go to Gillis & James, next door to Case & Wilson.

Capt. N. H. James, arrived this morning with eleven deer and some wild fowl.

Just received by the Hunt Grocery Company, fresh Fruits, Vegetables, Groceries, etc.

Mr. Hamilton returned from Juneau this week. He says Wrangel is a paradise in comparison with Juneau.

Do not forget there is nothing nicer than a photograph to send to your friends, and the Wrangel Studio is the place to get it.

Nightwatch Broderick is attending court at Juneau and Geo. Glover is keeping peace and quiet in town during his absence.

There will be a social at the Y. M. C. A. reading rooms on Wednesday evening next. A good time is promised and everybody is invited.

Case and Wilson took the big tent down this week and will erect a new store building in its place. And still the good work goes on.

T. R. Needham, former editor of the Journal, arrived from Ketchikan this morning. He brings good reports from that section of the country.

Now is the time to have your 1899 bill heads, letter heads, envelope and business cards printed, and the Journal office is the place to have the work done.

D. Rosenbium is doing the trade of the city in the stationery line. He has always on hand the latest novels, periodicals and magazines which he sells at Seattle prices.

In a letter received by Mrs. Jack Lindsay from her husband, he states that the Chilcat Indians are getting very troublesome and that the government has called for troops.

We would suggest to parties giving dances this winter, that they start the music early in the evening and wind-up not later than twelve o'clock. From eight to eleven is plenty long for any social dance.

Judge Tustin has made some very necessary improvements in the recording office, and when he gets through, it will be a pleasure instead of a torture to look for information in regard to any kind of a record.

Geo. Baronavitch who has spent the summer at Carter Bay, returned to Wrangel on Monday and will open a jewelry store. George is an artist in the carving line and will make a specialty of Indian carving.

A few days of clear, cold, bracing weather during the past week have given us an idea of what Alaska can do in the way of a snap. Jack Frost was very apparent, but at the worst it did not get below 6 above.

It will make you hungry to drop into Reid & Sylvester's and see their fresh stock of citron, orange and lemon peel, big fat seeded raisins, clean currants, genuine N. O. molasses, mince meat, and Louch & Augustine's Queen butter. Drop in and get hungry.

P. T. Bushman, manager for the Qudra Bay Canning Company, arrived in town on Friday, on the Company's steamer Annie Nixon. He reports a light business for the season just closed, only four-fifths of a pack was put up.

The Blue Front restaurant is doing the business of the town. They served 15 turkeys this Thanksgiving and still the boarders cried for more. Phil says "good cooking and an advertisement in the local paper is a combination that is hard to beat."

The cool has made his advent. Fourteen years ago the waters of our bay were alive with them. For some unexplained reason they disappeared in a night. Whatever the reason, they are back again in force and lucky anglers are pulling them in full size full weight.

There will be a public meeting, to which all are invited, in Bloomhardt's hall, on Tuesday evening next, for the purpose of organizing a literary and amusement society. Let there be a full attendance as a movement of this kind demands the support of everyone.

The Fort Wrangel Brewery, Bruno Grief, proprietor, is the neatest place of its kind this side of Seattle. Bruno's beer has made a reputation for itself and today it stands on a par with any beer on the market. It is a pleasure to take up one of those big, foaming mugs and look for the bottom. One man, the other day, was heard to remark: "I wish my throat was a yard long, every time I tackle one of Bruno's best."

Wrangel Townsite

Mr. H. E. Goldthwaite, of Iowa, one of the Examiners of Surveys for the townsites in Alaska has been in our town for the past few days awaiting the arrival of his associate Mr. E. D. Stratford, of Oregon, who is expected down from Sitka on the Cottage City. Mr. Goldthwaite is a very pleasant man to meet but is very reserved in talking with a reporter. As soon as Mr. Stratford comes they will at once proceed to business and decide whether a new survey is necessary or not, and at the same time they will decide on some competent person to recommend as Trustee for the townsite. They have twelve townsites in Alaska to look after.

No doubt there will be a number of applicants for the office of Trustee and we hope the lucky one will be chosen for his fitness and not for his "pull." It is an office that requires a man of good business ability and sound judgement and we have a few such men in our city whose names we trust will be mentioned to the Examiners. As a rule, the men best fitted for such an office are reserved and unless their friends bring them out, some chronic office seeker will step in and pick the plum.

In regard to the survey, opinion is divided. Some want a re-survey and some are willing to take the present survey. While we do not think the present survey is perfect, we are of the opinion that the majority of the property holders are willing to have it accepted as it stands, and we would like to see a mass meeting called to get the sentiment of the property holders, they are the ones who have paid and who will have to pay again if a new survey is made.

COMMUNICATIONS.

This column is open to the public. All communications must be signed by the writer, not for publication, but as an evidence of good faith.

We are not responsible for the views of our correspondents published under the head of communications.

Wrangel, Alaska, Nov. 25, 1898.

Mr. Editor:

Is there a city, town, village or hamlet in the United States that did not have a Thanksgiving ball, except Wrangel?

Is there not vim enough among our citizens to get up a good, respectable dance?

Who will be the first to start the ball rolling for a New Year's ball? Let us have a New Year's ball and let us have a good one. Select a good committee to get up a grand ball for New Year's eve, invite the public and give the proceeds to charity. Who will come to the front and call a meeting to select a managing committee?

Mr. A. S. Davis made a remarkable catch, one day this week, from McKinnon's wharf. At least, that is where the fish took hold, but Mr. Davis' line was a mere thread and his hook only an inch and a quarter long, so that the game had to be manoeuvred along the beach as far as the custom house where it was picked up in a small boat. With a line that had broken with the weight of a three pound cod fish, he found he had secured a forty-five pound halibut.

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